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Mr. Tom Kelley, Assistant Director
U.S.Secret Service
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kelley,

Enclosed is a copy of my today's letter to the Archivist relating to the Warren Commission Ferrie documents.

Since speaking to you last week, I have heard nothing from the Archives.

I am aware of the possibility that the Times is in error in quoting Secret Service reports or may have confused those of the Secret Service and the FBI. I am also aware of the possible interpretation of this reporting that your agency supplied some of the information to the Times.

You may not be aware of it, but I am the first to have "discovered" and written about Ferrie. At our conference, you may recall I did ask you about him and Secret Service knowledge of him, etc. I have been trying to obtain what I believe is improperly withheld of the Ferrie material, and for a long time. During this time I have been made false promises by some government officials, including an Assistant Attorney General of the United States. These files are available to you should you desire to see them. Recently I have again taken this up with the Department of Justice, looking to taking whatever steps may be possible to obtain this material.

I have conducted what, for a writer, is a rather extensive investigation of Ferrie. Again, if it interests you, you may see what I have. But I assure you there is virtually no facet of his personal life and its character that is not public and well-known, largely published. This is also true of those with whom he had relationships. Some of this is recorded in various legal proceedings. As a matter of fact, the relationship between Ferrie and others has been very well publicized, including in a book and in its serialization, by Milton Brener, attorney for several of the men who are among the subjects of the still-withheld FBI reports.

So, I am writing to ask for copies of any such Secret Service data. I have the Jack Martin interview that was so well and I think so improperly publicized by the government when the Garrison story broke. The Archives copy is close to illegible. If you have anything of this character, I would ask not only that you provide it to the Archives, if it is not there, but, with the history with which you are now familiar, that you send me copies separately. This is in no way improper and at the very worst it would save considerable time.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg